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REMARKS

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1. Berneu (N 53/1 96) Clothing Depot

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a. Ten thousand bed-sheets, 20,000 pillow-cases, 3,000 summer uniforms, 17,000 blankets, 3,000 shirts, and 3,000 pairs of drawers were shipped from the Berneu Soviet clothing depot to Buch (N 53/1 96) as laundry one time in early January 1950. This load was carried [redacted]

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b. There were shipments of clothing from this depot to the USSR all the time. Forty boxcars carrying shoes, boots and 17,000 blankets left the depot between 19 and 28 January 1950.

c. The clothing depot in the former German ration supply depot on Schmalebeckerstrasse, is allegedly to be transferred to an undetermined place in the near future.

2. Altenheim (N 52/R 41), Ammunition Depot (See Annex 1)

a. The Altenheim ammunition depot was in full operation in early December 1949. The area was enclosed by a high wire fence, broken by numerous watch towers, and brightly illuminated at night.

An AA battery of four 88-mm guns had been emplaced in the Kohn-Forg area, north of Selingstaedt (N 52/S 40).

b. The ammunition depot was constructed in 1934 and has underground ammunition bunkers. The depot is connected with the Altenheim railroad station by a spur track. The personnel are housed in modern buildings. The depot was seized by the Soviets, undamaged, in 1945. Almost all the ammunition in stock was shipped off or demolished in 1946 and 1947. Production of mines was allegedly started after this.

The depot area is divided into an interior and an exterior zone. There are severe checks at all times.

3. Writz (N 52/V 09) Supply Dump

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a. A well-camouflaged and strongly guarded Soviet supply dump, laid out in the woods SW of the Writz settlement was observed on 10 and 11 December 1949.

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Twelve all-entirely underground bunkers, eight containment buildings and eight sheds were identified in the dump area. Empty gasoline drums were dumped in front of several bunkers. Two sheds, the doors of which were open, each contained four 100 to 120-mm guns with barrels about 2.50 meters long.

b. A dump was identified in the woods about 1.2 km SW of the Britz railroad station on 20 December 1949. [redacted] ammunition was stored there. The dump was about 250 x 200 meters.

(1) Three trucks carrying boxes and flying a red flag drove to the woods dump during the time of observation.



(3) The guard detail of the woods dump wore red-bordered black epaulets.

(4) The family of the commanding officer lived in Obersalde (N 53/V 23).

4. Dresden (N 52/V 29). (See Annex 2)

a. Fuel depot near the Albert hafen

(1) The entirely unheated former Shell depot near the Albert hafen, Dresden was under the administration of the Germanair in December 1949. Soviet units and administrative agencies were supplied from this depot. The entire depot area was strictly guarded by soldiers. Numerous watch-towers had been erected. Only the entrance gate to the Albert hafen, where German trucks were admitted, was guarded by Soviet zone police.

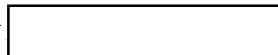
(2) About 40 fuel tanks with an alleged 110,000-cbm total capacity are in this depot. This total is allegedly made up of eleven 5,000-cbm tanks, about eleven 3,000-cbm tanks, and about 20 tanks of lesser capacity.

The depot capacity was about 75 percent utilized at the time of observation. Allegedly an average of twenty to thirty railroad tank cars per day come in.

(3) Incoming fuel shipments, generally by rail, were said to mostly come from Tschernheim (N 52/K 29), the coal base of Luhlend (N 52/A 23), and the Leuna Plant. A landing-point for Elbe tankers was about 150 meters down-stream of the canal entrance.

(4) Outgoing shipments to the distributing points were made by tank truck column. The trucks were painted blue [redacted]

The truck columns, partially operated by Germans, supplied even remote places such as Flauen (N 51/K 12) and Goerlitz (O 52/V 00). Some fuel shipments allegedly went even as far as Berlin and Mecklenburg. Trucks [redacted] entered the depot during the time of observation;



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b. Ammunition Depot in the former Dresden Mickern Luftnachrichten Schule

(1) An ammunition depot, believed partly underground, was observed in the SE section of the former Dresden-Mickern Luftnachrichten Schule in December 1949.

A supply unit of about 250 officers and NCOs, all of whom were veterans, was stationed in the strictly guarded kaserns. Numerous officers belonged to this outfit who were billeted in the Lockwitz garden city enclosed in the depot area.

A unit of unidentified branch of service was housed in a cantonment in the western part. All soldiers of this unit wore striped clothing. It was said to be a quarantine camp.

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c. Ammunition and ration Supply Depot on Koenigsbrueckerstrasse.

(1) An ammunition depot, previously on Koenigsbrueckerstrasse, east of the Dresden-Platzsche railroad line, was transferred to three large-size warehouses west of the railroad line as observed in early February 1950. The newly-constructed installation west of the railroad line was enclosed by a brick wall 2m high and illuminated by arc lamps at night.

(2) The warehouses, immediately east of the railroad line and separated from the buildings adjacent to Koenigsbrueckerstrasse by a fence, were taken over by the civil administration.

(3) The rest of the installations, east of the railroad line, on both sides of Koenigsbrueckerstrasse, were a ration supply depot.

(4) Judging from the trucks entering and leaving the depot, all units stationed in the Dresden - Koenigsbrueck (L 52/A 31) - Meissen (L 52/E 09) - Koenigsbrueck (L 52/A 41) area were supplied from the above installations.

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Incoming shipments to the depots arrived exclusively by rail.

(5) A supply unit of 10 officers and about 150 veterans (late twenties to mid-thirties) was stationed in the depot area. The troops had to help with the unloading and loading work.

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5. Erfurt-Markbach (P 51/J 36) Ration Supply Depot

a. The following observations were made about the ration supply depot in the Erfurt-Markbach silo from late November 1949 to early February 1950:

29 November 1949: Four boxcars were loaded with boxes, cartons and sacks.

7, 9, 10 and 13 December 1949: Four boxcars were loaded on each of these days. The boxcars were allegedly dispatched to Lucklenburg.

19 and 24 January 1950: Four boxcars came in on each of these days.

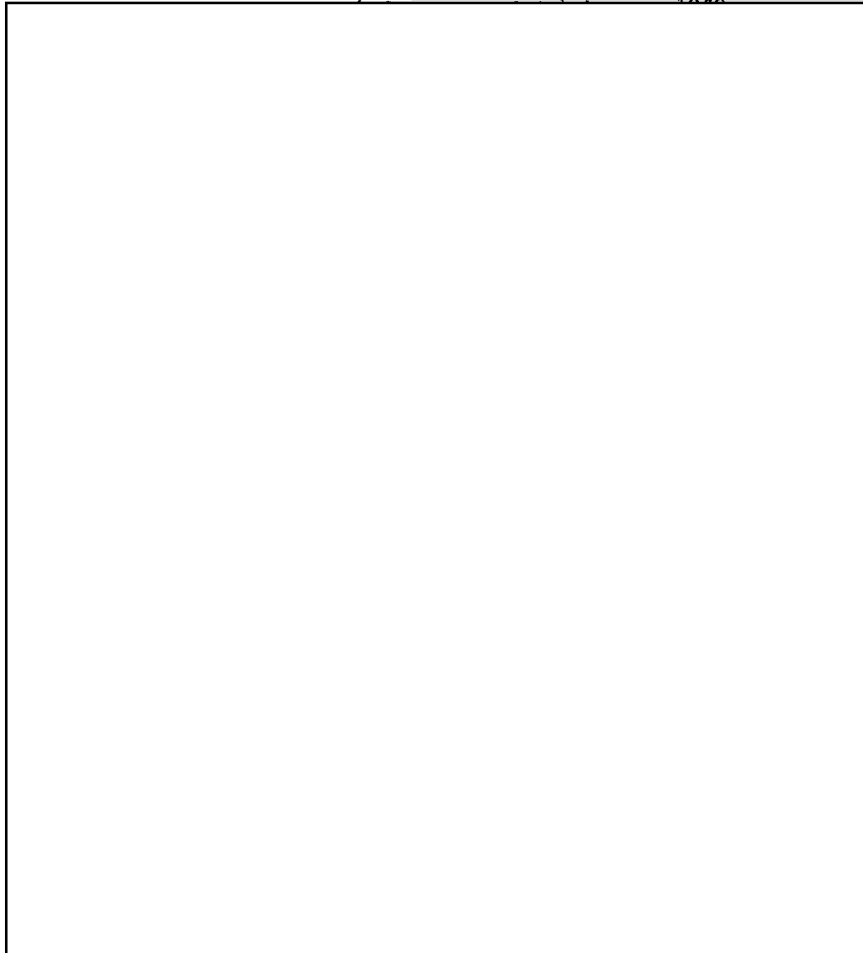


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c. 2d Lt Verosmin was in charge of the strongly guarded supply depot. Superior headquarters of this depot allegedly was the Shipping Company on Vertheausstrasse managed by Major Shapiro. Many officers and EN were observed in this agency.

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Some of the trucks were loaded with boxes and sacks. Some of them left the Shipping Company area after being loaded.

6. Pinow (N 53/V 08) Area, Fuel Dump

a. A fuel dump with four large-size fuel tanks was in Pinow-Holtsvinkel, about 900 meters from the Eisanspaltrei railroad station, on 12 December 1949. The tanks originally belonged to the Holtsvinkel plant of the Schering A.G. (joint-stock company) which was nationalized.

The dump was fenced in and strictly guarded.

b. A Soviet fuel dump was in the southwestern part of the former Schering factory near the Eisanspaltrei railroad station on 9 January 1950. [] this dump was equipped with large-size tanks. Three fuel tanks, about 8 meters in diameter and 6 meters high, were observed on a low hill about 350 meters south of the Eisanspaltrei railroad station. The factory area was fenced off and strictly guarded from several watch towers.

c. A well camouflaged wood's dump was in the "Vorwerk" (farm), about 4 km south of Pinow, east of the Eiesenthal (N 53/V 27) highway, on 10 January 1950. [] fuel, ammunition and spare parts were stored there. Numerous empty ammunition boxes were observed in the dump area.

7. Bad Freienwalde (N 53/V 27), Fuel Dump (See Annex 3)

A fuel dump was observed in Bad Freienwalde, on Berliner-Chaussee, opposite the Kaserne, on 7 December 1949. There were three semi-underground cantonment buildings. Eight tank trucks were **on blocks in front of these** buildings. [] Numerous fuel drums were in front of the cantonment buildings, to the walls of which fire extinguishers were fixed. An old shed previously observed there had been torn down. Instead of this shed, several makeshift garages with open sides had been erected. **Trucks were stored there on blocks**.

8. Questrow - Priemer Wald (N 54/T 98), Ammunition Depot

a. It was observed on 10 January 1950 that most of the tracks of the former Priemer Wald ammunition depot have been removed and taken over by the Reichsbahn since late December 1949. The removal of the tracks was scheduled for completion by 25 January 1950.

b. The ammunition bunkers were empty but not demolished.

c. Soviet zone police had moved into the buildings of the ammunition depot.

9. Hohenleipisch (N 52/A 03), Ammunition Depot (See Annex 4)

a. [] trucks, which had come from the direction of Hohenleipisch were observed in Ulsterwerda (N 52/A 03) in late December 1949:



[] ammunition arriving by rail from time to time was cleaned and processed in the Hohenleipisch ammunition depot. After being

connected it was shipped to an unidentified destination.

b. The inventory sketch of the ammunition depot was drawn in mid-January 1950.

10. Jessen (N 52/E 56), Ordnance Depot

a. [redacted] about 1,500 guns of miscellaneous types, about 600 heavy machine guns and large quantities of spare parts and optical equipment were stored in the Jessen Ordnance distributing point in early October 1949.

b. About 300 German civilians, working day and night shifts, had been engaged in preparing guns for shipping since early October 1949. The guns were broken down into shipping units and left for an unidentified destination, in general, in the direction of "ittenberg (N 52/E 37).

c. [redacted] about 500 guns were shipped.

d. German workers had been dismissed from the depot since mid-October 1949.

Minor quantities of guns and equipment were daily shipped to unidentified destinations up to late October 1949.

Incoming Ordnance shipments have not been observed since early October 1949.

e. There were still some guns in stock in this depot in late October and early November 1949. About 35 civilians were observed cleaning four infantry guns of about 150 mm caliber on 29 October 1949.

Most of the cantonment buildings, however, were already vacated at that time. One cantonment building had been torn down.

11. Jueterbog (N 52/E 69)

a. Altes Lager, Ammunition Depot

(1) The undamaged ammunition storeroom of the Jueterbog ammunition depot were enclosed by another protective wall in early December 1949. The only activities in this depot at the time of observation were the cleaning and crossing of ammunition in stock. After being treated, the ammunition, supplied from an unidentified place, was shipped off again.

(2) About 200 German workers checked ammunition and repaired defective shells at the ammunition depot early in January 1950.

Incoming shipments of ammunition ceased for about five weeks but large quantities of miscellaneous calibers had been shipped away to unidentified destinations all the time.

Craftsmen did construction work at buildings and productive installations.

(3) A food-refrigerating plant was installed in the former filling shop of the ammunition depot in mid-November 1949.

(4) [redacted] German large-caliber ammunition was blown up in the Dueener Heide (N 52/E 37) in September 1949.

The demolished ammunition allegedly consisted of 820-mm shells supplied from Magdeburg (N 53/E 60). Guns of this caliber were allegedly seized by the Soviets in 1945 in good working order but the breechlocks were missing. Some of these guns were said to be stored in Ansbach (N 51/E 13).

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Four 60-mm guns, seized by the Soviets in unserviceable condition in 1945, were parked in the Juetehog balloon shops until 1948. These guns were no longer observed.

b. Slaughterhouse fuel Depot

The following details on the Juetehog slaughterhouse fuel depot were gathered between mid-November 1949 and mid-January 1950:

(1) Commanding Officer: Capt Panushkin

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A railroad spur track to the depot had been constructed at a cost of 48,000.-- German Marks.

(2) Observations:

17 November 1949: Fuel was transferred from four railroad tank cars to tank trucks.

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20 November 1949: Fuel was transferred from five tank cars to 130-gallon barrels.

29 November 1949: Fuel was transferred from three tank cars into 130-gallon barrels.

3 December 1949: Fuel was transferred from three tank cars into 53-gallon barrels.

8 December 1949: Fuel was transferred from two tank cars into drums.

16 December 1949: Fuel was transferred from three tank cars into drums which were stored in the slaughterhouse warehouses.

19 December 1949: Seventeen trucks were loaded with drums. The trucks, later going to Turakaserne, [redacted]

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2 January 1950: Fuel was transferred from three tank cars into 53-gallon barrels which were stored in wooden sheds of the slaughterhouse.

18 January 1950: Fuel was transferred from three tank cars into drums

12. Mockrehne (A 52/E 43), Ammunition Depot

The underground Mockrehne ammunition depot was guarded by a police detail of 250 officers and EW and a Soviet detail of about 100 officers and EW on 4 January 1950. The railroad spur had, according to the rusty rails, not been used for a long time. During the war chemical shells were allegedly filled in the ammunition depot which covered about 3 sq km.

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13. Puellrose (O 53/V 52), tank spare parts depot

No essential observations were made at the depot for tank spare parts, housed in the Puellrose former Organization Todt depot, on 26 January 1950. There were no working activities, or execution of other duties. A technical unit of 200 officers and EW was stationed in the depot as before. There was only light motor vehicle traffic on the Puellrose-Bamfurt/Oder highway. [redacted]

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14. Peuruonin (O 53/E 49) (see Annex 5)

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a. Ration Supply Dump on Fehrbellingerstrasse.

The ration supply dump on Fehrbellingerstrasse in Neuruppin was inclosed by a new fence on 8 December 1949. [redacted] the dump area:

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b. Airfield Fuel Dump.

The fuel dump on the northern edge of the Neuruppin airfield was strictly guarded on 21 December 1949. Night to ten excavated bunkers, six concrete cottages and three cantonment buildings were observed.

15. Neustrelitz (R 54/U 54) Fuel Dump on Zierkerstrasse

Six or seven excavated bunkers, 12 to 15 meters long and about 1.50 meters high, were observed in the fuel dump on Zierkerstrasse, Neustrelitz, N. of the Glasbeck Lake, on 9 December 1949. The excavated bunkers were connected by pipe lines, 15 to 20 cm in diameter.

A tank car was observed on the railroad spur track. Twenty-five drums were dumped beside this car.

16. Facewalk (R 54/Q 16) Fuel Dump (See Annex 6)

Several underground cantonment buildings were completed and covered with earth in the newly installed fuel dump near Facewalk in early November 1949. Two sheds, 25 x 15 meters and 20 x 10 meters respectively, were also erected. Fire extinguishers and sand boxes were observed at the entrances of these sheds. Fuel from the former temporary dump in the gravel pit was transferred to the new dump.

17. Loenchin (R 53/L 91) Ammunition Depot

The Loenchin ammunition depot was in full operation in November and December 1949. About sixteen boxcars per day, carrying ammunition, left the depot. On these shipments, the prescribed security measures were neglected, allegedly for secrecy's sake.

18. Ueckermuende Area (R 54/Q 18), Ammunition Depot

a. The demolished installations of a former ammunition depot were 3 to 4 km SE of Ueckermuende on the Christiansberg (R 54/Q 20) highway between late October and early November 1949. [redacted] the installation had been blown up four to five months before, the ammunition in stock there and any movables being shipped away by the Soviet Army.

b. [redacted] another former ammunition depot was N. of the way connecting Torgelow (R 54/Q 17) and Jatznick (R 54/Q 17). Most of the installations of this depot were seized by the Soviets, undamaged, in 1945.

The ammunition being shipped away, the depot allegedly served as a fuel depot for some time but the whole installation was demolished in the Spring of 1949.

Comment:

a. General:

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The report is a summary of information on Soviet supply installations in the Soviet Zone of Germany covering the period from December 1949 to early February 1950. In general, it confirms previous information but also contains valuable supplementary data on various depots and dumps.

b. Details:

(1) Bernau

Known as central clothing depot. The reported truck belongs to the Group of Occupation Forces Germany. (GOFG) The depot on Schwanebeckerstrasse apparently is a branch installation. Further information is required.

(2) Altenhain

Known as a large-size ammunition depot (former German Army ammunition depot). The AA gun emplacements on Kolm-Berg, about 2 km SE of the depot, were reported for the first time.

(3) Britz

Previously reported as medium-size dump consisting of two compounds, one for fuel and one for ammunition. According to previous reports of July and August 1949, the dump should have been evacuated. Apparently, the utilization of the dump - preferably for ammunition, - is continued. The reported vehicles belong to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) which presumably is superior headquarters of this dump.

(4) Dresden

(a) Previous information on the large-size fuel depot is confirmed by this report. The indicated capacity is considered to be too high. A capacity of 30,000 to 50,000 cu.m. has been assumed so far. The depot is supplied by the hydrogenation plants of Central Germany, as reported previously. The reported motor vehicles belong to the GOFG and the First Gds Mecz Army.

(b) Dresden-Nickern Ammunition Depot

Not previously reported, presumably an organizational installation. The motor vehicles belong to the 11th Gds Tank Division.

(c) The Ammunition and Ration Supply Depot on Koenigsbrueckerstrasse was reported before. Considering the extensive installations of this arsenal, the transfer if of local importance only. The observed motor vehicles belong to the First Gds Mecz Army, the Air Force, and the MVD.

(5) Erfurt-Marbach

This large-size ration supply depot and the names of the officers in charge (Major Shapirov, 2d Lt Yarosmin) were previously reported.

Most of the mentioned motor vehicles belong to divisions and Headquarters troops of the Eighth Gds Army, some to the SCC.

(6) Finow area

Despite small differences as to location, the dumps mentioned under paragraph a and b may be identical. This dump was not reported before. It is not possible to determine the extent of the dump.

The supply dump reported under para . c was not known before. Supplementary

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information is required. Presumably it is a mixed dump supplying the units of the Eberswalde area which are trained there.

(7) Bad Freienwalder:

This small-size fuel depot had been reported before. The motor vehicle belongs to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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(8) Guestrow-Friemerwald:

Previous information on dissolution and transfer of this depot to the Soviet Zone police for housing is confirmed by the report.

(9) Hohenleipisch:

This large-size depot is confirmed. The observed motor vehicles belong to the 8th Gds Mecz Div, the GOFU (supply services), and the air force.

(10) Jessen:

This depot was previously reported as a large-size ordnance depot with maintenance installations. From the frequent outgoing shipments, the incoming shipments interrupted since October 1949, and the constant reduction of the German workers, it may be concluded that this depot is scheduled for dissolution. Further information is required.

(11) Justerbog:

(a) Altes Lager Ammunition Depot: Previous information is confirmed. The installation of a refrigerating plant may be of only local significance.

(b) The Slaughterhouse Fuel Depot was reported previously. This depot serves as a refilling station. The reported motor vehicles belong to the 14th Gds Mecz Div/Third Gds Mecz Army.

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(12) Mockrehna:

This depot is known as a large-size ammunition depot where captured German ammunition is generally stored.

(13) Muellroser:

This depot was previously confirmed. The reported truck belongs to the GOFU.

(14) Neuruppin:

(a) This dump was previously reported as a medium-size ration supply dump which presumably is an organizational installation of the 12th Gds Tank Div. All motor vehicles observed so far belonged to this division.

(b) This dump was known before. The airfield is presumably supplied from this dump.

(15) Neustrelitz:

A previous report of early August 1949 is confirmed. According to that report, a new gasoline dump was being installed immediately N of the Annex Kaserne. This dump presumably is a medium-size post installation.

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(16) Sasevalk:

This dump was not known before. Presumably it is only a small-size organizational installation in the vicinity of the Kavallerie Kaserne.

(17) Toechin:

Previous information is confirmed.

(18) Ueckermuende Area:

(a) The reported depot presumably was an installation of the former Dynamit A.G. (Joint-stock Company). Producing explosive cotton.

(b) This depot is probably the former Torpelow powder factory.

Annexes:

1. Ammunition depot near Altenhain
2. Fuel depot near the Albertshafen, Dresden
3. Fuel dump near Bad Freienwalde
4. Ammunition depot near Hohenleinsich
5. Station Supply depot on Fehrbellinerstrasse, Neuruppin
6. Fuel dump near Sasevalk.

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Legend:

- A Ammunition depot area
- B Former alternate fuel depot of the German Air Force
- C Field firing range
- D AA gun emplacement
- D1 Four emplaced guns
- D2 Battery command post

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Ammunition Depot near Altenhain

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PAUSCHWITZ

Mulde River

NEUWEISSENBOURN

ALTENHAIN

RR station

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